MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): There were representations from private doctors.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the levy of fees is considered as a general question?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): I have answered that.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the Government will expempt persons who are too poor to pay for the supply of medicines?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physican*): That was also under the consideration of Government and persons who are too poor to pay will not be charged,

SADASYA TILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Are the Government aware of the fact that the General Hospital was established as a charity hospital by one of the Maharajas of Travancore?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physican*): I accept the member's statement.

Interpellations in the Sri Mulam Assembly.

24 *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of interpellations sent up by the honourable members of the Sri Mulam Assembly before the last Budget Session and the number answered?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASAVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The number of interpellations admitted by the President for the last Budget Session of the Sri Mulam Assembly is 544. This information has been furnished by the courtesy of the President. The number of interpellations answered is 256.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the Government are aware that many of the interpellations repeatedly sent by the members of this House and admitted by the President are left unanswered?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) The answer gives the number of questions admitted and the number answered, from which it could be seen that some questions were not answered.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Many of the questions repeatedly sent by the members of this House and admitted by the President on previous occasions also remain unanswered. May I know whether the Government are aware of that?

RAO BAHADUR RAJASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir, I do not think so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know why it is stated that this information has been furnished by the courtesy of the President? I wish to know whether this House is not entitled to get that information.

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RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That information is not with the Government. It is the President who admits the questions.

PRESIDENT: Questions relating to interpellations and their answers are dealt with by the President as President of this Assembly and the Government of Travancore has nothing to do in that matter.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then may I know whether the number of questions that are admitted by the President and answered in the House are not usually published every year in the administration report of the Government?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They are published in the administration report.

PRESIDENT: Certain informationi s asked for from departments by Government and it is supplied by the heads of departments. They are treated for certain purposes as members of this House. But they have other duties also as heads of departments to furnish information. The question of admission of interpellations and the question of dealing with the answers furnished by the heads of departments are matters for the President. Once they come into this Assembly the sole jurisdiction vests with the President and the Assembly.

Acting clerks in the Secretariat.

25. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the names of persons who are now (on 17-11-1111) acting in the scale of Rs. 75-100 in the Secretariat;

(*b*) the dates on which each of them began to act in that grade;

(*c*) the period of total service of each of them in that grade; and

(*d*) the present salary of each of them?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*). (*c*) and (*d*) A* statement containing the required information is laid on the table.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know whether the acting clerks have now been confirmed?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Some of them have been confirmed.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know their names?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Messrs, T. G. Ramasubba Iyer, P. K. Sreedharan Pillai, M. Padmanabha Pillai and N. Raghavan Pillai.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know whether any other clerk who entered service later than the clerks mentioned in the list have been confirmed?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

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